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For: CADIUM NEGATIVE ELECTRODE FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for
examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims
previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is
attached.

7. An alkaline storage battery comprising:
- a nickel positive electrode;
 - a negative electrode;
 - a separator which separates the positive electrode from the negative electrode;
 - alkaline electrolyte; and
 - an outer can which houses the positive electrode, the negative electrode, the separator and the alkaline electrolyte therein;

wherein said negative electrode is a cadmium negative electrode as claimed in claim 1.

8. A method for producing an alkaline storage battery comprising the steps of:
- producing a nickel positive electrode;
 - producing a negative electrode;
 - opposing the positive electrode and the negative electrode through a separator;
 - housing the positive electrode, the negative electrode, the separator in an outer can with alkaline electrolyte,

wherein said negative electrode is produced by the method for producing a cadmium negative electrode as claimed in claim 3.

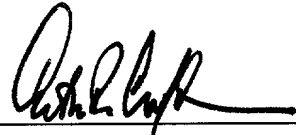
REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

Respectfully submitted,

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- a nickel positive electrode;
 - a negative electrode;
 - a separator which separates the positive electrode from the negative electrode;
 - alkaline electrolyte; and
 - an outer can which houses the positive electrode, the negative electrode, the separator and the alkaline electrolyte therein;
- wherein said negative electrode is a cadmium negative electrode as claimed in claim 1 or

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8. A method for producing an alkaline storage battery comprising the steps of:
- producing a nickel positive electrode;
 - producing a negative electrode;
 - opposing the positive electrode and the negative electrode through a separator;
 - housing the positive electrode, the negative electrode, the separator in an outer can with alkaline electrolyte,
- wherein said negative electrode is produced by the method for producing a cadmium negative electrode as claimed in any of claims 3 to 6.